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Research Activities of Prof. Kurt Poppe

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1. Prof. Kurt Poppe has recently resigned as chief of the Land Office for Research into Contagious Animal Diseases. The position was taken over by an official of the Land Office for Hygiene and not as expected by one of Poppe's assistants. It is expected that this may lead to some difficulties.

2. Poppe has particularly reserved the right to use all institutions of his former office, in particular all apparatus and all material for pathological research. He remains chief of the Institute for Microbiology. This institute belonged formerly to the Kaiser-Wilhelm-Gesellschaft but does not come under the German Academy as yet. Poppe works at the institute with one female assistant and is looking for another one. He also remains in charge of the university's film office. This peculiar organization was requested in 1939. It was approved but because of the outbreak of the war never received any funds and never started to work. It is now being provided with funds.